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SUBJECT: PERMREPS' VIEWS ON US DEFENSE INITIATIVES

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1. DURING THE COURSE OF INITIAL COURTESY CALL MAY 5, FRG
PERMREP (PAULS) NOTED TO AMBASSADOR CONTINUED FRG APPRECIATION FOR US EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN THE CONVENTIONAL DETERRENT IN EUROPE BUT REITERATED THEME HE EXPRESSED IN MAY 5 NPG MEETING THAT IMPROVED CONVENTIONAL FORCES SHOULD NOT DE-EMPHASIZE THE NUCLEAR DETERRENT. PAULS ALSO OBSERVED THAT THE EXPENSES WOULD BE HIGH FOR INITIATIVES OUTLINED BY AMBASSADOR KOMER TO THE MAY 4 DPC.

2. HARDY (CANADA) AND HARTOGH (NETHERLANDS) IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR, ECHOED PAULS' REACTION THAT NEW US DEFENSE INITIATIVES MAY WELL BE VIEWED AS AN ADDITIONAL EXPENSE BY CAPITALS. BUT AFTER EXPRESSING PLEASURE THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE CALLING FOR NEW DEFENSE INITIATIVES HARTOGH ALSO INDICATED THAT THE SHORT CALENDAR FOR IMPLEMENTATION MENTIONED IN THE MAY 4 KOMER BRIEFING WAS
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